## **MINUTES**

# Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2010, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Seattle City Hall Boards and Commissions Room

<u>Commissioners Present</u>: Mark Adreon, Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Rebecca C. Cory, Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

<u>Commissioner Regrets</u>: Hope Drummond, Vickie Foster

<u>Commissioners by Phone:</u> Sheely Mauck, John Denooyer (listen

line)

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Nolan Lim

Call to Order: Erica Sekins called the meeting to

order at 4:37

<u>Public Comment</u>: Julian Wheeler reminded attendees of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Kennedy's inauguration and thanked Commissioners for their work on behalf of city residents.

Approval of Minutes: November, 2010 minutes were

approved as read

SOCR Report: Nolan Lim

Nolan will attend Commission meetings regularly, rather than having different managers attend. He is a good resource for enforcement, policy, and legislative matters.

## **Committee Reports:**

• Education: Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays

Deborah Witmer provided a brief training on Roberts Rules of Order. Rebecca explained the email standards, which were informally adopted by the full Commission. Felicia will arrange a meeting with Lieutenant Scott Bachler regarding SPD training.

Outreach: Meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

The committee has secured the Northgate Library for the full Commission meeting in March. Kevin Carey, Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind is a possible speaker for an outreach activity. Following the screening of "For Once in My Life" at the Frye Museum on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Deborah Witmer moderated the panel discussion; Laura Gramer and Patt Copeland served as panelists.

# • Nominating:

**Motion:** that the Commission recommend Saron McKee for appointment. **Action: PASSED** 

- Issues: Meets 2nd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., City Hall Room 370
  - Housing: Wellness Checks: Letter has been drafted,
    Felicia to send to Tom Tierney on 1/21/11
  - Comments on Federal Rules: Sheely and Felicia to submit general comments by 1/24/11
  - Parking: Report is undergoing a re-write; meeting with SDOT to be scheduled for early February.

- Curb Cuts: Sara to contact Brian Dougherty
- Deep Bored Tunnel Project: Felicia contacted City Council central staff to alert them that the Commission has an interest in the emergency evacuation plan
- Addresses on Buildings and Tree Wells: Council Member Conlin has an interest in these issues. Issues Committee to follow up
- Transit Master Plan: Commissioners stated several follow up questions; please send Sara additional questions; possible opportunity for Outreach Committee to host a forum
- Mobile Food Carts: questions have been answered; next step is to write recommendations

#### New Business

- Clear sidewalk campaign assigned to Outreach Committee
- Metro fare increases assigned to Transportation Subcommittee

#### <u>Announcement</u>

University of Washington presents a series entitled: "<u>Unspeakable: Films and Lectures on Disability History, Identity, and Rights,</u>" featuring the Willard suitcase exhibit and two presentations by Eli Clare.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.